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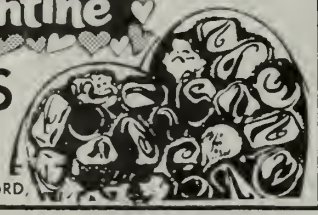
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The Mattapoisett Juvenile Grange will meet at 7:30 P.M. Friday night in the Grange Hall.

The 28th Birthday Anniversary will be observed with the past masters and boys and girls who are joining the Junior Grange as special guests.

The program, under the direction of lecturer Marilyn Lewis, will be by "The Bristol County Dog Training School."

Members are reminded to bring in a penny for each step taken from their kitchen to their TV set. This is the money making project for the Home and Community Service work, done by chairman, Doris Fearing, and her committee.

This is an open meeting, so the parents of the Junior members who do not belong to the Subordinate Grange, may be present to enjoy the program with their children.

A birthday cake will be presented by the Home and Community Service chairman of Sippican Pomona, Edna Day.

ROCHESTER BOWLING LEAGUE, JANUARY 29

Eddie Arruda belted out a 369 triple for D. Mahoney & Sons and a clean sweep over Hartleys Garage. Allen King was tops for the Garage with a 342. Don Gifford stacked up 363 pins for Lloyds Market in a 2 to 1 match with Hartley Saw Mill. Green Hartley led his team

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BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING

The Old Rochester Boosters Club will hold its regular meeting at the Regional High School at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 6, 1963. Plans are being made for a basketball game to aid in the club's scholarship fund. Financial results of the sports banquet will be reported on. The program committee has arranged to show movies. Refreshments will be served by William Matthews and Ernest Dorr.

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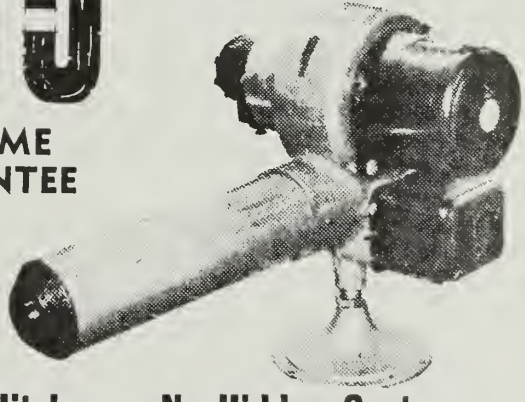

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night. Ribbon winners were Mark Peterson and Adele Raphael, and Phillip LaFrance and Victoria Long.

Mr. and Mrs. George Heath were host and hostess for the second class. Raymond Andrews and Kathleen McCartin were ribbon winners.

FFFC TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Mattapoisett Fin, Fur and Feather Club will celebrate its 30th anniversary year with a dinner to be held at Gaudettes Pavilion in Acushnet on February 21st. The public is invited to attend the event, which will feature turkey (family style) or chicken pie dinners. Over two hours of hunting and fishing movies, plus the appearance of some special invited guests will round out the anniversary affair.

Reservations can be had by calling WY 6-0051 or 5-2163 before February 14th.

SPOUTERS TO PRESENT PLAY

The Spouters will present "Born Yesterday" May 3rd and 4th. A Production Party will be held at the New Bedford Hotel on Monday, February 11th, at 7:30 P.M.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Serious reflection of recent United Nations armed action in the Congo makes one wonder if the thirteen American Colonies would have been allowed to break away from England, if the United Nations had existed then. Also, what would have been the result of our Civil War, if the United Nations had been in existence then?

Many patriotic Americans feel that the Connally Amendment is the only thing that might prevent the catastrophe of one day finding ourselves in the position of having the United Nations vote on some of our internal domestic affairs, and the aspect is not cheerful, in a

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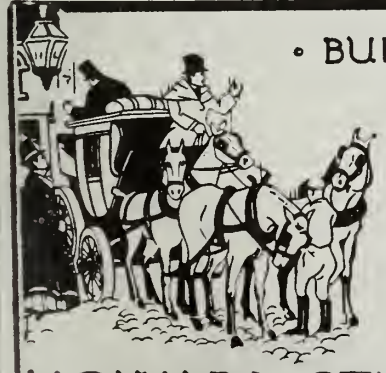
body dominated to a large extent by the Soviet bloc.

We should feel grateful to the 51 Senators, who so wisely voted on August 3, 1946, to include 8 words in the World Court resolution,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which preserve our right to self-determination in domestic matters. The words are: "as determined by the United States of America." I cannot help wondering about the 12 who did not so vote.

These words mean that adherence of the United States to the jurisdiction of the World Court contains the complete reservation that "it shall not apply to disputes with regard to matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of the United States of America, as determined by the United States of America."

Those 8 words have been the subject of many debates, in attempts to weaken or entirely eliminate them. My advice is not to allow ourselves to become apathetic in regard to the Connally Amendment. We do not want to become a Congo, or a divided Korea, or a Soviet satellite, such as Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Rumania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and last, but certainly not least, Cuba.

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By C. M.

225 Years Ago -- 1738

As the year 1738 opened up, the people of Mattapoisett were engaged in a bitter squabble over the first minister they had engaged.

Two years before, after half a century of going to Rochester Center for church services, a group of Hammonds and Dexters, along with a Barlow, a Bolles, and a Clark, had organized "The Second Church in Rochester" and The Mattapoisett Precinct." The following year (1737) aided by "Rum and Sugar provided for raising sd House," they had completed their Meeting

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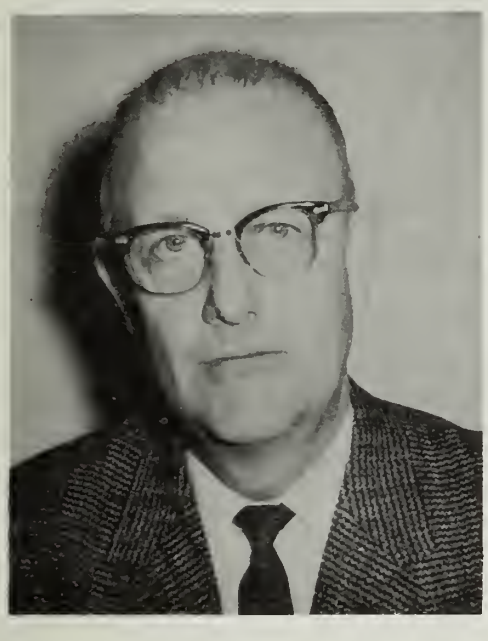

As a member of the Town Finance Committee for the past 6 years, I became deeply interested and familiar with the functions of all departments in our town government.

I feel this knowledge qualifies me to request your support and vote for the office of SELECTMAN.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. SPARK JR.

William J. Spark, Jr., 20 Pearl St., Mattapoisett

House, a building 25 feet square, with galleries around three sides and a pulpit in the front.

This first church building in Mattapoisett (except possibly an earlier Quaker Meeting House in Aucoot) stood on "Zion Hill" at John Jenney's Corner, i.e., the junction of River Rd. and Acushnet Rd.

Also, early in 1737 the church members had engaged Rev. Elisha Tupper to be their first pastor--and instantly the trouble began, setting off three years of bitter wrangling. Not much is known about Mr. Tupper, but he must have been one of those human beings who have the knack of splitting an organization into two hostile factions, the one group admiring him with fanatic admiration and the other hating the very thought of him with equal fervor. Of course, the two groups--which had so recently been fellow laborers in the church--now fought each other tooth and nail. Even families were split asunder, for we find Hammonds and Dexters on both sides in the petitions to the Governor and the State Legislature.

By far the larger group, including most of the charter members of the church, were opposed to Tupper and wanted to get rid of him at all costs. This group, at least, felt that he was not what he had pretended to be. On Jan. 13, 1738--so rapidly has this pot boiled over--this group presented a petition to the Governor of His Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay asking him to remove Tupper, and stating that "we supposed he would have been a Congregational Minister but upon further Information and Experience found that he didn't and wouldn't."

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The petitioners went on to explain that they had called council from neighboring churches (both sides took the quarrel to the mother church at Rochester Center, which sided with the majority against Tupper) and then had dismissed him. But evidently he wouldn't go--a trait common in this type of personality--for the petition continues:

"But so it is he has obtained a number of the inhabitants in a very Extraordinary way, and some others who live out of the precinct, to Joyn in Church fellowship and to continue him among us to our great Grief..."

This sounds as if Tupper not only rallied supporters within the church but persuaded them to bring in ringers from the outside.

The Governor refused to intervene. The fight went on among the angry men and sputtering women living on the Necks, along the River, in Tinkhamtown and Randalltown and Dextertown and in between. (There was as yet no village along the harbor).

On May 1 a meeting was called to act further, "But att sd meeting by Reason of some Disorders and Interruption before the Moderator was chosen" the precinct committee "adjourned the meeting forthwith to the dwelling house of Mr. John Hammond" where they "Negatived Tupper."

There were still two factions in the church, however, and Tupper still refused to leave--but the rest of the story belongs to the two years following.

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By vote of the town at the last annual town meeting, we agreed to supply funds for the next three years to have the assessors re-evaluate the town. This was brought about by the so-called "Springfield Decision". This was a decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on two tax cases seeking to prevent the Springfield assessors and collector of taxes from assessing and collecting taxes against property in a discriminatory manner. The law requires a "full and fair" assessment of property. This is not a new law, but one that has been in effect for many years. It is a fact that not all towns are re-evaluating to try to live up to the full letter of the law. These towns are, however, leaving themselves open to suits similar to that in Springfield.

What can you expect, as property owners, from a re-evaluation of the town? First of all, the evaluation of property will not, in all likelihood, be at 100% of market value, but probably somewhere around 80% - 85%. This means that the town's value will rise to about three times what it is now. This of course should drop the tax rate to about one-third the present rate,

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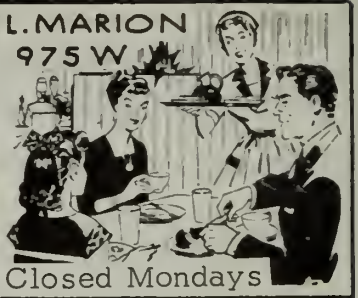

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assuming that the expenses of the town do not rise too greatly.

One of the major effects of re-evaluating the town will come from the bonded indebtedness of the town to pay for the construction of the Regional High School. When we joined with Rochester and Marion to form a region for constructing a new high school, it was agreed by the committee that the cost on construction would be proportioned among the three towns by the valuation of the member towns and by the proportion of pupils attending the school from each town. As an example, during the year 1963 the capital costs will be apportioned on the basis of the 1962 valuations (that is, Marion $7,557,545, Mattapoisett, $6,609,024, Rochester, $2,057,270) and the proportion of pupils on October 1, 1962. Out of a total enrollment of 781 students, the member town had: Marion 282, Mattapoisett 335, and Rochester 164. By taking each of these proportions (valuations and student enrollment), adding them together, and dividing by two, the share of each town will be: Marion 41:35%, Mattapoisett 41:81%, and Rochester 16:84%.

When the original agreement between the three towns was made, no provisions were made for re-evaluation of any town, and Rochester and Marion are not intending to re-evaluate in the very near future. This means that if the original legal agreement stands, the town of Mattapoisett, after re-evaluation, stands to pay a larger proportion of the capital costs. Something must be done to alter this original legal agreement, to keep the proportions about where they are now. Not only must the original

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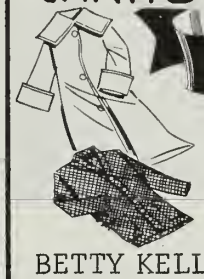
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agreement be changed, but it must be done without a delay, because much work has already been completed on the re-evaluation, and any change in the agreement must come before all three towns to be voted on at their annual town meetings.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Mattapoisett Taxpayers Association met on January 17. It was decided to issue monthly newsletters to the members. The newsletters will discuss topics of interest to taxpayers, and are designed to inform them of matters which affect the taxpayer. The Directors voted to hold a Pre-Town Meeting again this year. The date remains to be decided, but the meeting will probably be held during the week preceding the Mattapoisett Town Meeting. It will be publicized further once details have been worked out.

The Pre-Town Meeting is intended to provide a forum for discussion of the Town Warrant, and to provide an opportunity for voters to become better informed on the articles in the Warrant prior to attending the Town Meeting. The Taxpayers' Association held such a meeting last year.

LITERATURE-DRAMA GROUP MEETING

The Literature-Drama Group of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will meet next Tuesday, February 12th, at 10 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Harold Banks, Oakland Terrace. The book, "Silent Spring", by Rachel Carson will be reviewed.

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A meeting of the Rochester Woman's Club will be held this Wednesday, February 6th, at 8 P.M. A program will be presented by Mrs. Verna F. Wuorela of Acushnet, art teacher at Acushnet Junior High School. She will talk on jewelry and ceramics, and will exhibit her work.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Greenwood Hartley, Jr., Mrs. George Church and Mrs. C. Condit Pierce. Mrs. Marian Church will preside at the business meeting.

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BILL FILED BY KEITH

Congressman Hastings Keith (R-Mass.) announced that he has filed a bill providing an income tax credit for college and university expenses, including tuition and fees.

Under the bill, Keith explained, the parent of a college student would be permitted to reduce his taxes equal to 20% of the cost of the educational expenses of his college-aged son or daughter.

"The same credit would be available, of course, for the self-supporting student-taxpayer." Keith added.

"A tax credit of 20%, as prescribed in my bill, would have the same effect as a deduction in full of educational expenses for a taxpayer being taxed at a rate of 20%. In other words, this is equivalent to allowing a full deduction of educational expenses for a taxpayer in the first tax bracket."

The West Bridgewater Congressman explained that an outright deduction for education expenses would be of no benefit to the 37 or more million taxpayers who elect either to use the tax tables or to take the statutory standard deduction instead of itemizing their deductible expenses.

"By the use of a credit, however, such taxpayers will be in a position to avail themselves of the benefit of the educational tax credit in their returns, and also use the tax tables or standard deduction in computing their taxes," Keith noted.

"This bill recognizes the immediate need for meeting the increasing costs of education."

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Keith said he feels this proposal is a good, "partial solution" to the problem and in keeping with sound principles, noting that the Republican Party's "Declaration of Principles and Policy" calls for some tax relief to those who "bear the burden of financing education for themselves and others."

"The American educational system is one of our greatest national assets. Historically free from government control, it is a fine example of what a democratic society can achieve under a system of individual freedom and local initiative.

"It is essential, however, that we encourage the expansion of that system, and make its benefits availabe to the greatest possible number of people.

"I feel that this bill will aid in the attainment of that aim," Keith said.

Listed as H.R. 2516, the Keith bill was filed last Thursday and is similar to a measure filed but not acted upon in the last session by Congressman John Byrnes (R-Wisc.) Keith's and other tax measures will be considered by the Committee on Ways and Means.

A simplified example of how the bill would work, if adopted by Congress, follows:

Mr. Smith earns $6,000 a year. He has four dependents, including himself and a son who has completed his first year of college.

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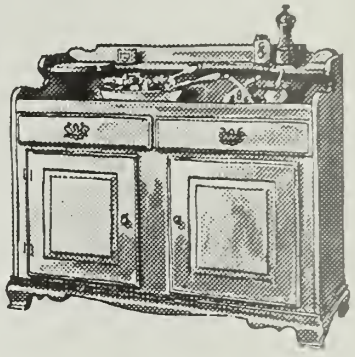

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11	9:40	10:01	3:03	3:23
12	10:21	10:44	3:37	3:52
13	11:03	11:28	4:09	4:23

bill) is $300. With his four dependents, Smith is allowed to deduct a total of $2,400, along with the statutory 10% deduction, $600. Subtracting these deductions, he is left with a total taxable income of $3,000, on which the normal 20% tax for this bracked amounts to $600.

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